

FRENCH FLYER DROPS BOMBS IN BULGARIA

Aviator Covers 185 Miles in Flight to Bombard Sofia and Returns to Base Unharmed.

TEUTON INFLUENCE TO WANE AMONG TURKS

British Declare Death of Marshal Von Der Goltz Will Mark Decline of German Ascendancy.

International News Service: SALONIKI, April 22.—Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, was bombarded by a French aviator on Friday. Four shells were dropped on the city.

The attack on the Bulgarian city was made by one of the aviators who recently participated in the aerial bombardment of Constantinople. He returned unharmed to the base here last night, having covered 185 miles in his flight to and from Sofia.

Aerial squadrons on both sides are becoming more active. Instead of the sporadic flights which have previously marked operations on the Balkan front, both the German and Anglo-French air pilots are making daily incursions.

On Friday a German squadron bombarded the allies' camp at Karassouli. A few hours later a retaliatory attack was made upon the German camps at Doiran and Petrich by allied aviators.

International News Service: LONDON, April 22.—An official Bulgarian statement received from Sofia today states that two hostile aviators flew over that city yesterday. One dropped two bombs in a suburb, one falling on a cottage and the other on a school. There were no casualties and the damage was slight.

The second aviator dropped leaflets announcing the fall of Erzerum and Trebizond.

SEE WANING OF INFLUENCE.

International News Service: BERLIN, April 22 (by wireless).—The following official statement was issued today by the German war office:

"Field Marshal von der Goltz died of spotted typhus on April 19 at the headquarters of the Turkish army, after 10 days' sickness."

International News Service: LONDON, April 22.—British military experts predicted today that the German influence in Turkey would be greatly decreased as the result of the death of Field Marshal von der Goltz, which was announced in dispatches received here from Berlin early this morning.

The Berlin messages differ as to the cause of the field marshal's death. One states he died of spotted fever. Another attributes his death to typhoid.

An Amsterdam report says it is rumored that Baron von der Goltz was shot by a Turkish soldier and died after suffering great agony for 16 days. He expired at the headquarters of the first Turkish army, of which he was the commander.

PENETRATE FRENCH TRENCHES.

International News Service: PARIS, April 22.—German troops in a fierce attack at Le Mort Homme succeeded in penetrating the French trenches, but were completely driven out by an immediate counter attack. The Kaiser's forces also made an attack on the French positions at Caurettes wood, according to the official communiqué issued this afternoon, but they were repulsed. In the attack at Caurettes wood the Germans again made use of liquid fire, but without avail.

The terrific bombardment opened by the Germans on the front between the Meuse river and the village of Vaux yesterday continued during the night. No infantry attack developed there, but it is believed that the bombardment is being made in preparation for a general assault against the French positions on the east bank of the Meuse.

TAKES BRIDE AFTER 42 YEARS OF COURTSHIP

International News Service: KENTON, Tenn., April 22.—After a courtship of 42 years, P. L. Yates and Miss Kate Reuser of Ruthersford, Tenn., were married here late yesterday by Justice of the Peace Johnson. The groom is 67 and the bride 56. Their courtship began in their school days. Believing in preparedness Yates said today he never believed he could afford to marry until he had paid for a thousand acres of land, had \$10,000 in a bank and had built and furnished a house for his bride.

No Late Changes In Easter Weather

WASHINGTON, April 22.—An eleven-hour change in the weather is going to disappoint persons eagerly awaiting the national Easter "parade" tomorrow. This was the assurance given by Weather Forecaster Bowie.

The weather officer sticks to the prediction of yesterday, that fair weather will prevail throughout the United States, with the exception of the eastern section close to the Canadian border. From Boston west through New York to San Francisco the weather will be fair. Buffalo, Cleveland and Chicago will find the day cloudy. South of the Mason and Dixon line the fair weather will be unbroken.

HUNT FOR VILLA IN LOS ANGELES

Department of Justice Admits Agents Have Been Scouring West Coast.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, April 22.—Department of justice officials admitted today that their agents have in the past week been searching Los Angeles and all surrounding towns for Francisco Villa. A report was received by E. M. Blanford, department of justice agent in Los Angeles, a week ago that Villa was in that city. He was said to have crossed into the United States at the time of the Columbus, N. M., raid. Blanford was at once instructed to conduct a thorough search for the bandit. He has done so and reported to Washington that he has been unable to find any trace of Villa.

WILL DIG FOR BODY OF DORTHY ARNOLD TODAY

New York Detectives Locate Old Mansion Described by Convict in Confession.

International News Service: NEW YORK, April 22.—Police Inspector Faurot announced today that the crew given by a Rhode Island convict as to the disappearance of Dorothy Arnold several years ago had failed to solve the mystery. The inspector admitted that he and a squad of detectives had searched the cellar of a house near West Point, but declared that he had found no trace of Miss Arnold's body.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Detectives from the New York police force, headed by Inspector Faurot, left the city early today for West Point. There, in the cellar of an old mansion on the Highland Falls road two miles from West Point, they are inclined to believe that they will unearth the body of Dorothy Arnold, who mysteriously disappeared on Dec. 12, 1910.

Acting on the story told by a convict now in the Rhode Island state prison, the inspector and his associates yesterday scoured the country around West Point for a country house with two stone piers near the entrance, and located near a fork in the roadway. They found such a house in the William Tell mansion, owned by the wealthy Tell family of New York, which has not been occupied by any but an aged caretaker for 20 years.

Corresponding to the convict's story, in the cellar of the old house they discovered a big break in the concrete floor.

Caretaker Gunn, who was in charge of the place, would not let the detectives dig or investigate further without obtaining the consent of the owners. Inspector Faurot returned to New York for that purpose.

The police refused to discuss a report here this morning that the body of the missing girl had been dug up. The fact that they declined to discuss this report leads to the belief that the body has not yet been found.

ASKS DETAILS.

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COLUMBUS NOW MILITARY CENTER

Troops Arriving Hourly to Reinforce Gen. Pershing if Necessary.

International News Service: COLUMBUS, N. M., April 22.—This little frontier town again is assuming the aspect of an important military center. By Monday the last of the 3,300 fresh troops ordered to Columbus and held subject to Gen. Pershing's orders will be encamped. The 15th infantry, under Maj. Robert Alexander, arrived this morning to join the first and second battalions of the 24th infantry already here. The sixth cavalry, under Col. Joseph A. Gallen, is expected any time.

Columbus women spent all day yesterday preparing Easter mementos for the troops at the front. They went forward today. Each member of the 13th cavalry—which Columbus claims as its own regiment—will receive a box of candy or cake to break the monotony of hard tack and bacon.

DEPENDS ON REPORT.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, April 22.—The future of the Mexican expedition to capture Villa depends altogether upon reports awaited from Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, now in consultation with Maj. Gen. Funston at San Antonio. As chief-of-staff of the army, and to use Sec'y Baker's own phrase, "the eyes of the war department," Gen. Scott will recommend the course to pursue, officials today admitted for the first time, and Gen. Scott will report whether with the present force Mexico it is possible to run down the bandit leader. If in his judgment Villa has gone so far into the interior as to make his capture an impossibility, but one course remains open—the withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico. There is no present indication that more troops will be sent into Mexico. In fact, there are no more available. All of the mobile army, except 2,000 or 4,000 men already is at Gen. Funston's command. In view of the critical situation facing this country in its relations with Germany, it would be worse than a military blunder, in the opinion of army officers, to strip the coast fortifications of their artillerymen. Earlier the conversion of the coast artillery into infantry for Mexican service had been relied upon as a resource for reinforcements. For reasons all too obvious that idea now has been abandoned.

Two important factors are influencing the situation.

CONSPIRATOR DIES.

International News Service: BALTIMORE, Md., April 22.—John H. Surratt, last survivor of the alleged conspirators tried for implication in the plot to assassinate Abraham Lincoln, died here last night. He was 72 years old.

HOLD UP SUPPLIES.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, April 22.—Miss Mabel Boardman, head of the American Red Cross, today confirmed the report that Great Britain is not allowing shipments of Red Cross supplies to get through to Germany. The last shipment sent by the Red Cross to Germany was made in January. Since that time, Miss Boardman said, the British government has not granted any permits to the Red Cross.

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REMOVAL OF U.S. TROOPS UP TO PRESIDENT

Neither Scott Nor Funston Has Authority to Act But Will Report Exact Situation to Wilson.

SEE NO CHANCE NOW TO CATCH BANDIT VILLA

Army Officers Admit Task is Hopeless—Pancho Nurses Ambition to Head Mexican Government.

International News Service: SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 22.—With Pres't Wilson alone rests the question of withdrawing American troops from Mexico or ordering the hunt for Francisco Villa continued. This was made clear here today following a preliminary conference between Maj. Gen. Scott and Maj. Gen. Funston. Neither of these army officers, it was learned, has the authority to act.

On his return to Washington Gen. Scott will report to Sec'y of War Baker the result of his visit to the border. The secretary will in turn apprise the president of Scott's verdict and the president will then decide what is to be done.

The first conference between Scott and Funston lasted until early this morning. They went over in a general way a report from Gen. Pershing showing the positions of the American troops now in Mexico, but consideration of the detailed information was put over until today's meeting.

Ten days will probably elapse before the decision of the government is known. In the meantime there will be no action by Pershing's forces until attacked.

FORSE WITHDRAWAL.

International News Service: EL PASO, Texas, April 22.—American army officers in El Paso admitted today for the first time that the expedition sent into Mexico has not the slightest chance of taking Francisco Villa dead or alive. The withdrawal of the United States troops.

It has developed that there was more truth than fiction in the Carranzistas' claim that Chihuahua-Durango boundary was the dead line for the advance of the American troops. None of the American soldiers has crossed this line. To the south of it, in the state of Durango, Villa is strengthening his forces with each passing hour.

To the north of it the American forces are resting on their arms, awaiting the result of the conference between Maj. Gen. Scott and Maj. Gen. Funston at San Antonio.

If it were decided to continue the hunt for the bandit chieftain, the task would be made much more difficult by the opportunity for fresh recruits and supplies of ammunition. Officers on the border also believe that the American troops would have to fight the Carranzistas as well as the Villistas now.

VILLA HAS ANOTHER PLAN.

Reports reaching the border today brought the information that Villa has undertaken an ambitious plan, namely, the overthrow of the present federal government and the establishment of himself as the dominant figure in Mexican affairs. His secret envoys have approached many prominent Carranzista leaders, already weakening in their allegiance to the "first chief" and pointed out to them that the natives of Mexico will rally to his standard because he not only defied, but defeated the efforts of the entire United States army.

Those who know the Mexican mind say that Villa's argument is a plausible one. If he could win over the Carranzista forces of northern Mexico and secure their ammunition, bought in the United States, he would be able to inaugurate a strong campaign for mastery.

Other reports affirm that Carranzista difficulties are increasing at Mexico City and assert that he is preparing to flee to Vera Cruz where he will establish headquarters and prepare to flee by sea if he is overthrown.

Carranza's failure to get financial support has militated against his ever gaining complete control in Mexico. Four days ago his government, based in Mexico City, its money had the value of five cents on the dollar. The next day it dropped to three cents in Chihuahua, and now it is two cents.

Must Pay Taxes in Gold.

Inspired efforts that fresh government securities were on deposit in New York city failed to check the slump.

After May 1 all duties and taxes must be paid in gold. It is said that the three leading banks of Mexico have combined to force the government to repudiate its own currency.

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PROGRESS of the War

International News Service: LONDON, April 22.—An Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. states that the Russian troops landed in France make up an army corps (40,000 men) formed from the latest groups of Slav recruits. French reports have declared the Russians all veterans, many of whom have won the cross of St. George for military purposes.

International News Service: ROME, April 22.—Ten classes of Italian recruits were called up today by royal decree.

International News Service: ROME, April 22.—Field Marshal von Mackensen and Enver Pasha, Turkish minister of war, are reported to have left Constantinople for the Armenian front to direct operations against the Russians. An Austro-German corps has also been sent to reinforce the Turks.

International News Service: LONDON, April 22.—Private Dodd of the Royal Warwickshire regiment was sentenced today to 21 days imprisonment for refusing to perform military duty. In his defense he said that he was forced into an army against his will and was a "conscientious objector" to the war.

International News Service: BERLIN, April 22.—The German admiralty today sent to the American section of the foreign office a voluminous report on the accomplishments of German submarines during the war. The report shows every ship attacked and the result.

The information given by the admiralty will undoubtedly have great weight with the foreign office in determining the reply to be sent next week to the American government's latest note.

COMMITTEE SELECTION IS A KNOTTY PROBLEM

Seniority and Preparedness Conflict and Senate Will Have Difficulty in Choosing.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, April 22.—The picking of the committee to represent the senate in the coming conference to adjust its differences with the house on the army bills has placed a knotty problem before preparedness leaders.

Under the carefully observed rule of seniority, Sen. Chamberlain, chairman; Sen. Hitchcock of Nebraska, and Sen. DuPont of Delaware, all of the military affairs committee, would be selected as the conference committee. The senate, however, intends to make a strong fight for retention of the standing army of 250,000 men. Sen. Hitchcock was strongly opposed even to the 180,000 recommended by the military affairs committee and made a dissenting report. If leaders have their way, the seniority rule will be broken for the first time in years and a "big army" placed on the conference committee in Hitchcock's place.

DECLARES HE FOUND \$400,000 CERTIFICATES

International News Service: BALTIMORE, Md., April 22.—Stoutly declaring that he found the achesel containing \$400,000 worth of certificates which had been stolen from a New York ferry boat on Feb. 26 last, on the arduous way on his way from New York to New Orleans, Edward H. Quigley, 55 years old, who says he lives in New York, but belongs at Ridgefield, N. J., arrested by the Baltimore police as he left a train at Union station, was questioned at police headquarters today. Nothing that the detectives could do would bring out any information from Quigley. With Quigley at the time of his arrest was George F. Windall of Long Island. Both are being held for further investigation.

STAYS IN CAPITAL.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, April 22.—Owing to the acute international situation Pres't Wilson did not leave the capital today for the week end as is his custom. He did, however, make today a sort of holiday. He made no engagements for the day. This morning, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, the president went for a long motor ride.

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PAPERS TAKEN IN PLOT PROBE CAUSE TANGLE

State and Justice Departments in Dilemma Over How to Meet Bernstorff's Demand For Documents.

INFORMATION PROVES AN AID TO U. S. OFFICIALS

Many Heretofore Unsuspected Persons Are Found to be Implicated in Conspiracies Against Neutrality.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, April 22.—While the administration waited anxiously today for some word as to the German attitude toward its submarine warfare ultimatum, the state department and department of justice wrestled with the knotty problem of what to do in the von Igel case. All of the documents seized in the former offices of Capt. Franz von Papen in New York are now in this city. Pres't Wilson has asked Sec'y Lansing to pass upon the renewed demand of Ambassador von Bernstorff that they be turned back to him intact as embassy documents. Meanwhile Atty. Gen. Gregory holds the papers, having called upon U. S. Dist. Atty. Marshall of New York to turn them over to him.

It is frankly stated in official circles that the government is embarrassed at this particular moment in deciding what to do in this case. There is no desire to complicate the German situation by injecting a new and troublesome element into it. But there is almost an absolute parallel between the status of Ambassador von Bernstorff in the present instance and that which was presented when Austrian embassy documents came into possession of the United States government through the British government.

Similar to Dumba Case. In the latter case the immediate demand was made that Ambassador Dumba be recalled and this was done. Certain of the papers now in possession of the United States indicate that Ambassador von Bernstorff must have known of certain operations carried on in embassy attaches which were in direct violation of the neutrality of the United States and along the lines responsible for Ambassador Dumba's being sent home.

The plans of the government to handle the new situation still are indefinite. Up to the present there has been a difference of opinion between the secretary of state and the attorney general over the demand of the German ambassador that all of the documents seized be turned back to the embassy as official documents and thus not subject to seizure. Sec'y Lansing ordered that the papers be turned back. The department of justice asked whether this applied to all papers. The state department said no, only to official papers. Then the department of justice asked the state department to have the German embassy indicate which actually were the official papers. Seeing the open trap the embassy declined to inspect any of the documents taking the broad ground that all were the property of the embassy. The president, Sec'y Lansing and Atty. Gen. Gregory now must determine what the next step will be.

Aids Secret Service Men. In this connection, the seizure of these papers has been of great benefit to the secret service and department of justice investigators who have been keeping in touch with the various plots against the United States neutrality. Names of individuals heretofore not in any way under suspicion have been brought to the surface and it will be possible from now on to watch them closely. Even though, as a matter of convenience, it should be found advisable to turn these papers back to the surface and it will be possible from now on to watch them closely.

Information secured by their perusal will prove most valuable. In this connection it was learned here today that definite relationship has been established between German sources and certain Irish-Americans in this country. Names of a number of these men, some of them very prominent in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and San Francisco were contained in the papers seized. These papers indicated that some of these men had volunteered their services to the German secret service; others had furnished maps and documentary information of value. These men, whose identity the department of justice refused to reveal, are now being secretly watched.

Developments in this case today completely overshadowed the interest in the submarine issue. By request of the president all officials are refusing to discuss possible eventualities until some word comes direct from Berlin to indicate what the German action will be.